GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TRAIN SERVICE ON PATNA-DEEGHA LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no train service is existing on the Patna-Deegha line for the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways is incurring a loss of Rs. two and a half crore every month due to non-operation of trains on the said line;

(d) if so, whether the Government have received letters from Members of Parliament and Ministers for operating the said railway line; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to operate the said railway line again?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railway administration incurred heavy financial loss by running Passenger Services on Patna-Deegha Ghat section, as a result of which the Railway had no alternative but to close the Passenger services on this section from 1.4.1967.

(c) Since the line was closed as being unremunerative, the question of losses does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The feasibility of running Passenger trains on Patna-Deegha Ghat section was examined in detail. Besides the financial loss which will be incurred by the Railway, there are a large number of encroachments along side the track between Patna Jn. and Deegha Ghat making it impossible to run trains on this section.